

COUNTRY	Austria (Soviet Zone)	SECURITY INFO	REPORT
TOPIC	Soviet Troops in Kaisersteinbruch, Truck in der Leitha near Goetzendorf and in Camp Spratzern South of St Poelten		
EVALUATION	PLACE OBTAINED	50X1-HUM	
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- On 17 April 1952, 13 trucks each mounting an AA gun with a flash hider and 16 other trucks were noticed in compound 1 in Kaisersteinbruch (P 43/X 67). Jeep and trucks all occupied by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, were seen there. Two ten-man groups practiced with artillery pieces near a hillock east of compound 1 where 16 trucks were parked. A sentry wearing black-bordered red epaulets stood in front of a building which was located on the south side of the Kaisersteinbruch-Sommerrein (P 40/X 67) road and on the west side of the road to the village of Kaisersteinbruch. (2) 50X1-HUM
- On 15 April, trucks and jeep all occupied by personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets, were identified at the former Camp Bruck in der Leitha (P 42/X 77). Six armored vehicles, probably IS-100 tanks, and 2 trucks were noticed in the garage southeast of the railroad station. Truck occupied by four soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia was seen at the old garrison headquarters on Fischamenderstrasse. Two majors wearing black-bordered red epaulets were observed entering the new garrison headquarters which was guarded by a sentry wearing black-bordered red epaulets. (2) 50X1-HUM
- On 18 April, 63 trucks, 4 weapon carriers and 1 canvas-covered armored vehicle were seen in the Fasangarten Kaserne near Goetzendorf (P 42/X 57). Twenty field grade officers with a colonel as ranking officer, all wearing red-bordered black epaulets; 1 major with black service color; and, for the first time, 2 lieutenant colonels, 5 majors and 17 captains, all wearing blue service color, were seen at the barracks installation. A column of driving school vehicles including trucks all occupied by personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets, left the installation in the direction of Sommerrein. Trucks of this column were previously seen in Sommerrein on 17 April 1952. (2) 50X1-HUM
- On 16 April, no weapons or equipment were noticed in Camp Spratzern south of St Poelten (O 49/W 80). However, there was more activity there than previously. The noise of repair work was heard from various low barracks buildings. Two colonels wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia; 5 lieutenant colonels wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including 3 with tank 50X1-HUM

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insignia and 2 with artillery insignia; and 11 majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets, about 50 percent of them with tank insignia, were seen. All motor vehicles passing through the north gate, including jeep

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trucks [redacted] sedan [redacted] and weapons carrier [redacted] were occupied by personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets. All motor vehicles passing through the south gate [redacted]

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included [redacted] jeep [redacted] trucks [redacted] all occupied by personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The personnel on truck [redacted] wore artillery insignia. Trucks [redacted] each occupied by 15 soldiers with black-bordered black epaulets, passed by the camp in the direction of the village of Spratzern, coming from the direction of St. Poelten. (4)

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(1) The report corroborates the assumption that the 2500th Gds AAA Regt of the 13th Gds Lecz Div is stationed in Weisersteinbruch. Motor vehicles mentioned include those of the headquarters and the 15th Tank Regt of the 13th Gds Lecz Div and [redacted] which chiefly appear in the Kaiser-

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steinbruch area and belong to the units of the 13th Gds Lecz Div stationed there.

(2) The report indicates that the 15th Tank Regt of the 13th Gds Lecz Div is stationed in Bruck an der Leitha.

(3) [redacted] the driving school vehicles included two vehicles of the 45th Gds Lecz Regt and two vehicles of the 722d Motor Transport Co of the 13th Gds Lecz Div. The 25 officers with blue service color no doubt belong to the air force units stationed in the Goetzendorf area.

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(4) The report indicates that Camp Spratzern is occupied by tank and artillery troops. The motor vehicles mentioned belong to the 150th Gds Tank Bn Regt and those [redacted] with artillery insignia probably belong to the AAA and Artillery battalions of the division which are carried in the St. Poelten area. In addition, some vehicles of the 233rd and the 344th Arty Regt were observed leaving the camp. The vehicles passing by the camp heading for the village of Spratzern and coming from the direction of St. Poelten belong to the [redacted] 290th Gds Itz Rifle Regt.

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